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 THERE IS A SEASON, TURN, TURN, TURN  
The familiar refrain of this Bible verse turned song is evident 4 times a year in our region, a fact most appreciated by those of us who reside here. The turning of leaves and cooling of air bring new energy as we sense the coming Thanksgiving, holidays, and winter. As goldenrod and field flowers fade, look first for the wine red color of the sourwood trees followed by vibrant red-orange of maple, the golden brown of tulip poplar, the yellow hickory, and the oak reds backed up by the greens from holly, pine and hemlock. Take a nature walk to .... 'find a time for every purpose under heaven.'

*Loving wilderness and open space is important, but it is not enough. We must learn to love creation in its broken places – in places we have broken. Seeing these places and learning their stories can be a first step.*

-The Reverend Fletcher Harper  
Episcopal Priest, Exec. Director GreenFaith

In December, governmental representatives from 170 countries arrive in Copenhagen at a United Nations Climate Change Conference to finalize a global climate treaty to reduce planetary carbon emissions. Whether the U.S. is a leader or a spoiler at this gathering may well depend on the passage of now pending climate change and energy bill legislation. People of all faiths have a vital interest in this outcome for we recognize our unity with the universe and our relationship to the mystery of all Being. This understanding begs gratitude and responsibility for life, justice for all, and respect for nature as an interrelated Whole.

October 24 is International Day of Climate Change. Public events in more than 100 countries will let people in Copenhagen know of a global desire to bring the planet back to 350 parts per million of CO2 –the number scientists agree is a safe level of pollution in our atmosphere. [350.org](http://www.350.org) seeks those who know of a church, mosque, synagogue, temple or just an individual in another country to ask them to set up a public event bringing the number 350 and global concern for climate change to the attention of those in Copenhagen. Maybe UUCC would like to launch an action here. For more information and to see list of, go to [www.350.org/oct24](http://www.350.org/oct24).

INTERFAITH GROUP REGROUPS

The Chattanooga Chapter of Tennessee Interfaith Power & Light is discontinuing its monthly second Thursday meetings. An advisory board is being formed to determine ways to engage faith congregations. Contact Sandy Kurtz if you wish to help.

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**SUNDAY SERVICES ♦ 11:00 AM**

**OCTOBER 4 ♦ HEALTH CARE REFORM: CRAFTING A SOLUTION**

Presenting with our Rev. Jeff Briere, Dr. Clif Cleaveland, who recently spoke in the Sunday Forum, will draw from his experiences in the medical field to present a realistic option for meaningful health care reform. Learn more about Dr. Cleaveland on page 8.

**OCTOBER 11 ♦ HUMANISM'S GREATEST HITS**

During his Sunday morning drive-time program, the Rev. Jeff Briere takes a listener request at the Church of the Human Spirit.

**OCTOBER 18 ♦ ENCOUNTERING THE GODDESS: AN EXPLORATION OF THE DIVINE FEMININE IN ASIA**

Jeffrey Lidke will be our guest speaker and will discuss Goddess as perceived in Asian religions. Devi, the Goddess, is praised by yogis and devotees as the divine pulsation (spanda) of creation. She reverberates in all forms yet, the scriptures say, is recognized by few. This talk explores the primary means by which Devi is revealed: yoga, meditation, worship and art. Guest musician Hara Paper will also participate in this service. Learn more about Jeffrey Lidke and Hara Paper on page 8.

**OCTOBER 25 ♦ CHURCH WORDS**

The Rev. Jeff Briere tackles more words frequently heard in church to see if they have any meaning for Unitarian Universalists. This time, he will pair the three related words of creed, doctrine and dogma with covenant.

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**SUNDAY FORUMS**

The Forum meets downstairs in the last room on the left at 9:30. Please feel free to join us and add your voice to the thoughtful discussions.

October Forums will consider Unitarian Universalist stances on ethical issues featured at the recent General Assembly and in recent issues of *UU World*.

**October 4** ~ *Mountaintop Removal*: Sandy Kurtz will lead a discussion of the Unitarian Universalist Association's Action for Immediate Witness to End Mountaintop Removal Coal Mining and support for a Senate bill to control this form of mining.

**October 11** ~ *UU World* Summer 2009: To prepare for the discussion, please read *One Tribe, One People* (p. 24) and one other article of your choice.

**October 18** ~ *Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice, a Study Action Issue*: We will be discussing this topic from a 2008 issue of *UU World*.

**October 25** ~ *UU World*, Fall 2009: To prepare for discussion, please read, *Becoming a Public Church* (p. 14), *The Gospel of Inclusion* (p. 26), and the *General Assembly Report* (p. 37).

**THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB**  
*by Steve Hollingsworth*

*I would hope that a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not reach a better conclusion than a white male who hasn't lived that life.*

~ Sonia Sotomayor

*It is particularly a struggle for those of us who are people of color or from minority cultures because it is difficult to feel nourished by an aspiration, rather than a reality. Many of us find ourselves feeling a deep commitment to the promise of this faith while coming to terms with the frustration about our current reality as a predominantly Euro-American movement.*

*Yet, we stay. We keep showing up. Why? – because we know we are not alone. Somehow, we know that we belong here and that the struggle to belong is an integral part of belonging.*

~ Abhi Janamanchi

There seems to be no end to the skirmishes in the culture wars. Sotomayor's "wise Latina" was a recent battle line where I saw with crystal clarity where I stood and why. Moreover I believe with every fiber of my being that diversity in all our institutions is Unitarian Universalism (UU) in action.

The pivotal word is "wise." I see tax tea parties and healthcare town halls nearly devoid of facts and logic. Even as there have been calls for civility from both sides of the political spectrum, I fear that it has been a perversion of liberal ideals of respect and tolerance that has given fools airtime to spout nonsense.

As Unitarian Universalists we inherit a patriarchal, Judeo-Christian, Euro-centric worldview. While our heritage implies many good things, we refuse to embrace it warts and all. It is the parts of our heritage that represent the unexamined assumptions, visceral prejudices, and thoughtless expression that are baggage we carry; if we are genuinely committed to right relations with all we meet, then our work is to unload it.

When wise Latinas—or lesbians or paraplegics or any who see through a different lens—are together with us in community the wisdom we can synthesize together is surely more complete than that of white males working alone.

If we are imperfect in our welcome we need not despair. Abhi, the Hindu-Muslim-Indian UU minister—my friend in the UU movement—tells us why: Our UU faith pledge is to do the work of belonging and, if we do not falter, all be the better for it.

**SOCIAL NETWORKING**

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga now has a [@UUofChatt Twitter feed](#), and a [UU Church of Chattanooga Facebook page](#). Miranda Cagle has also administered the [UUs of Chattanooga Facebook group](#) for quite a while.

We are considering now whether to have a presence on more social networking sites. If you have a favorite and believe a page there would be helpful to a number of people, please pass word to the communications committee!

Special thanks to Wendy Sapp, Kyle Waggener, Elaine Watkins, and Ory Weaver who have volunteered to work with Jerry on the communications committee. Look forward to better electronic communication in the times to come!

Also – Twitterers, don't forget #followfriday!

### SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

by Dez Papedorp, Small Group Ministry Co-ordinator

“Ministry is All That We Do Together”

*Ministry is all that we do – together.*

*Ministry is that quality of being in community that affirms human dignity – beckons forth hidden possibilities, invites us into deeper, more constant, reverent relationships, and carries forward our heritage of hope and liberation.*

*Ministry is what we do together as we celebrate triumphs of our human spirit -- miracles of birth and life...wonders of devotion and sacrifice.*

*Ministry is what we do together – with one another – in terror and torment – in grief, in misery and pain, enabling us in the presence of death to say yes to life.*

*We who minister speak and live the best we know with full knowledge that it is never quite enough  
And yet are reassured by lostness found, fragments reunited, wounds healed and joy shared.*

*Ministry is what we all do – together.*

~ Rev. Gordon McKeeman

As I'm writing this article, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga (UUCC) is in the midst of our 3 week enrollment for initiating Small Group Ministry. I modestly hoped for enough participants to fill at least 2 groups. Now, I am witnessing the need to start with 7 groups in order to leave room for growth. **How do such miracles occur?** My answer: **By your grace and care.**

We are embarking on a journey together. Together, not alone, feels so right, so comforting. I'm glad you are standing beside me, because the future remains uncertain. Your presence offers me inspiration and strength. As long as you keep showing up, so will I.

October marks the first meeting for all of UUCC's Small Group Ministry groups. Each group will contemplate the topic: Listening. How does listening nourish ministry and human connection? Come November, every Small Group Ministry participant will have visited this thought. This is the first of many worthwhile adventures each SGM group will take. Isn't it nice to travel with friends?

### SOPHIE'S QUESTION

A few weeks ago, I met Kay, our new Director of Religious Education, at the church on a weekday to discuss a few things. When Kay and I finished our meeting, her 8 year old daughter, Sophie, came in the room and asked me, "What is your job at this church?"

At first, I thought this was a cute question: Her mom has a specific job at the church so obviously all adults who are in the building (or at least those in the building on days other than Sunday) must have jobs, too. I began explaining that I do not have a job like Kay and Jeff and Chris and Kate. I briefly described some of the things I volunteer to do around the church. Then I said, "I just try to be a good member of this church and do what I can to help out."

That's when I realized that I do have a "job at this church." My "job" description is pretty loose—"do what I can to help out." There is no evaluation from a supervisor, no merit pay for a job well done, no one threatening to fire me if I don't do something. Nevertheless, the more effort I put into my "church job," the more I gain from my relationships with the rest of this community.

What is your job at this church?

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NUUS  
OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!**

*by Kay McCurdy, Director of Religious Education*

Out there things can happen  
And frequently do  
To people as brainy  
And footsy as you.

And when things start to happen,  
Don't worry. Don't stew.  
Just go right along.  
*You'll* start happening too.

~ *Dr. Seuss*



Last month, we kicked off registration for our Religious Education Cooperative here at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga (UUCC). It felt like an Amish barn raising, or at least what I imagine an Amish barn raising might feel like. Folks stepped right up, filled out the necessary paperwork and found dates to volunteer. Many showed great patience while dealing with a new Director of Religious Education who doesn't always have her ducks in the same pond, let alone in a row. UUCC families, whose lives are often so jam-packed they have to schedule time to breathe, have made time for what our Religious Education program has to offer. For that I am truly, and heartily, grateful.

But it wasn't just the Moms and Dads. (This is where the barn raising metaphor really unfolds.) It was Marge Pasch, offering to bake. It was Paul Adler, dedicated to providing leadership training. It was Leslie Brock, who you can always count on for 110%, no matter the occasion or task. Jerry Smith, who no matter the idiocy of my question, responds with "Let me try to help." Margaret Hudson, whose warm smile and patience in the classroom are valued beyond measure. There's Miranda Cagle, bright and lovely and willing to pitch in wherever needed. Inga Johanneson, open to sharing her time and the gift of her presence. And there is Bonny, who lights up a room just by, well, being Bonny. Are you feeling Amish yet?

When I was growing up, there was a broken down '55 Buick in our back yard. Some kids had playhouses, I had a Buick. Every morning in summer I would pack a lunch, wave goodbye to my imaginary friends, take out a road atlas and plan the day's adventure. No matter that the furthest I was going was forty paces. It wasn't that I thought a trip was likely. It was that I thought a trip was *possible*.

We can go places together. Maybe not the places you've dreamed of, like Fiji or Rome. And, okay, maybe not the places you had in mind, like a nice quiet Sunday service, followed by coffee and adult conversation. I know many of you have done the Mom and Dad dance, given your time to a church (some of you to *this* church). I get it. But I will continue to ask (nicely, of course) if you might be willing to take a *different* trip on Sunday mornings—one that might involve endless questions and sticky hands and more than a little noise. But here is the good part. We'll be so happy to see you. Giddy, almost. We'll have everything ready for your arrival, and the hugs are free. You don't have to be clever or witty or well versed in political rhetoric. You never need worry that you aren't prepared or properly dressed.

Just climb in the Buick. *Oh the places you'll go!*

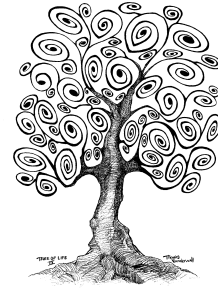
## PAGAN PERSPECTIVE

### Dates of interest in October

- 2 – Blood Moon at 2:10 am
- 31 - Samhain

### Samhain

Some people celebrate the last day in October as Halloween, but for many Pagans, October 31<sup>st</sup> is typically known as Samhain. It's the old Celtic new year - sometimes called the Witch's New Year - and it's a time for honoring those who have crossed over into the spirit world.



This is the season that is considered the last breath of the year, almost a sigh, of contentment for some, of sorrow for others. Look back over the turning of the wheel gone by: what did you set out to do, and what was done? Most of us have words unsaid, goals unmet, and we live with disappointment in ourselves and guilt over the path not taken. Holding on, however, is not the nature of autumn. This is the season of letting go, of life, of light, of the year just past. Nothing in nature can stay the same forever, and we are certainly not the exception to that rule. The more of the past we carry on our shoulders, the harder it is to walk upright, and eventually we are crushed beneath the weight of our own refusal to grow.

The fields are bare, the leaves have fallen from the trees, and the skies are going gray and cold. It is the time of year when the earth has died and gone dormant. Every year on October 31<sup>st</sup>, the day Sabbat pagans call Samhain presents us with the opportunity to once more celebrate the cycle of death and rebirth. For many Pagan traditions, Samhain is a time to reconnect with our ancestors, and honor those who have died. This is the time when the veil between our world and the spirit realm is thin, so it's the perfect time of year to make contact with the dead.

### Day of the Dead (*Día de los Muertos*)

Many customs are associated with The Day of the Dead celebration. In the home an altar is made with an offering of food upon it. It is believed that the dead partake of the food in spirit and the living eat it later.

The "ofrendas"- offerings, are beautifully arranged with marigolds, which are the traditional flower of the dead. There is a candle placed for each dead soul, and they are adorned in some manner. Incense is also used. Mementos, photos, and other remembrances of the dead also adorns the ofrenda.

It is also traditional in some areas to go and see the play *Don Juan Tenorio*. Paper mache and sugar skulls are popular, as are cardboard coffins from which a skeleton can be made to jump out.

According to popular belief, the *angelitos* (deceased children) return on the evening of October 31<sup>st</sup> and the adults on the following night, although the dates in local celebrations vary all the way from October 28<sup>th</sup> to November 4<sup>th</sup>. The feast for the dead originated as a form of ancestor worship,

## SHARE THE PLATE

American Friends Service Committee thanking us for the special offering gift we recently sent them in the amount of \$211.

The articles in *the nUUsletter* are representative of the diverse and varied opinions and beliefs of the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga (UUCC).

## SABBATICAL

*by the Rev. Jeff Briere*

The other day someone said to me, "I didn't know you were going on a sabbatical." I was shocked. I thought everyone knew. Shows you how much I know. Or how much I assume. Another conversation: A church leader asked me, "Who's in charge while you're on sabbatical?" I replied, "You are. The congregation is always in charge, even while I am here."

I regret that I have not been more pro-active in letting you know about my sabbatical. My agreement with the congregation allows me a month of sabbatical leave for every year of service to the congregation, and it should not be taken before three years nor after eight. For most people and most congregations, a sabbatical after six years seems to work best. I am now in my seventh year of ministry with this church and it's time for me to take a break.

The word sabbatical has the same root as sabbath, meaning seven. We take our cue from Genesis and rest one day out of seven. In the time of the Israelites, the fields were allowed to lie fallow, to rest once every seven years. And so comes our concept of sabbatical, a time of rest from work, a time not necessarily to lie fallow, but to recuperate and build strength for more work.

With your blessing, I will take a sabbatical leave from March 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010. I will use the time for personal renewal and relaxation. Thank you very much for this opportunity.

I did a little research into what I have produced in the last 6½ years: 232 worship services, 17 memorial services, 4 child dedications, 48 weddings, about 50 Interludes, several Adult Ed classes, the New UU, and a lot of other stuff I've forgotten. There's also pastoral care, hospital visits and interfaith work.

I love my work, and it was hard for me to realize that it has taken a toll on my young body. So in order to continue at the level and pace I set for myself, I need to re-build my strength, re-gather my inspiration and focus on other stuff for awhile, like my granddaughter, the natural world, things that I loved before I became a minister. I will also do a little reading and research.

I had originally thought to go to Europe for a month or so. That turns out to be a little too expensive and a little too far from our granddaughter to suit Kate. So we will remain on this continent. We plan to visit our daughter and granddaughter in Florida, our daughter in Pennsylvania, our family in New York. We'll travel in the Maritime Provinces of Canada for awhile. We will be in town some of the sabbatical period and out of town at other times.

What to expect? I believe you will find within you the talent, the energy and the inspiration to accomplish the tasks of ministry. In our tradition, ministry, after all, is a shared tradition. This church is not about the minister. It's about you. Build on the relationships you have and create new ones. Nurture each other. You will find more of yourself in the ministry of this church while I am away.

I have consulted with the leaders of every aspect of church life in which I am involved, and they have agreed to coordinate the activities among many people to cover the tasks I normally do. Someone will lead worship, someone will look over the newsletter, someone will smile and greet visitors, someone will offer a word of encouragement to those in a challenge or crisis.

I will always be available in case of a serious pastoral crisis. In the event my presence is absolutely required, I will return from sabbatical. A lot of people know my e-dress and have my cell number. I will have my cell phone and I will have e-mail. Chris and Eric will know where I am.

I suspect that you will enjoy (in some respects) my sabbatical as much as I will.

**WHO'S PREACHING?**



On October 4<sup>th</sup>, Clif Cleaveland will participate on a service on health care reform. Clif Cleaveland received his BA in Chemistry Magna cum laude from Duke University. He began medical school at Oxford University on a Rhodes Scholarship, earning an MA in Physiology, before returning to complete his medical studies at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He completed residency training in internal medicine at Vanderbilt. Following military service he began medical practice in Chattanooga. He served as President of the American College of Physicians from 1994-95. He is the author of two books and writes a biweekly column for the Chattanooga *Times Free Press*. Since retiring from clinical practice, he has served as an adjunct faculty member in the Honors Program at UTC. He has been married to Ruzha for forty-nine years. They are blessed with four sons and ten grandchildren.

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Jeffrey Lidke will preach on *Encountering the Goddess*. Jeffrey Lidke is Associate Professor of Religion and Chair of the Interfaith Council at Berry College in Rome, Georgia. His research and publications center on the Tantric and Yogic traditions of Nepal and India. He is also a student of North Indian classical music.



**WHO'S PLAYING?**



Hara Paper, our guest musician on October 18<sup>th</sup>, picked up her first (toy) guitar at the age of five. She began taking classical guitar lessons at age eight from Diane Bault, who continued to nurture Hara's musical growth all the way through her entrance as a Classical Guitar major at the University of South Alabama. After listening to Led Zeppelin and Jimi Hendrix in her teens, she became more interested in popular rock music. Hara found herself constantly playing rock riffs instead of practicing her classical lessons.

Hired by BellSouth as a graphic artist, Hara lay down her guitar and dedicated herself to her career until hearing Tori Amos in 1991. After meeting Tori in 1992, Hara began songwriting and playing out in various venues in Atlanta and Raleigh. Hara moved to Chattanooga, TN in 2002, and, she decided to play at an open mic night at the Local Performance Hall. At that performance, she met a DJ from a local college station who encouraged her to continue performing. In 2007, Hara was selected to participate in the "Rock for Life" CD project, a collaboration between Illumina Records and Ground Control to help curb drunk driving.

**BIRTHDAYS!**

As October brings us full-swing into fall, many of our members celebrate their birthdays!

- Matt Hoyt October 2
- Monique Lewis October 5
- Linn Boshers October 8
- Ruby Bruns October 9
- Sandy Lusk October 9
- Jamie Sullivan October 11
- Elaine Watkins October 14
- Julie Kurtz-kunesh October 15



- Clay Couch October 16
- Linda Helton October 16
- Daidee Springer October 16
- Ollie Grigsby October 18
- kunesh wenona October 19
- Nicky Ozbek October 20
- John Spehar October 23
- Wendy Sapp October 29

**LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

*by Eric Papendorp, President, Board of Trustees*

We all like to invest in our futures, but in these days of economic trouble and uncertainty, solid investment advice is often hard to come by. While one pundit proclaims that the recession is over, another shouts that the worst is yet to come. When the news broke recently that Sears Corporation had a "10% chance of declaring bankruptcy" their stock value doubled in less than an hour. Trying to make sense of today's markets is frustrating and often self-defeating. Never fear, for I have fool proof investment advice for our entire congregation.

Invest your time in our Religious Education (RE) Program. The dividends are enormous and the return on investment is almost immediate. Our RE program does more than provide child care for our young Unitarian Universalists, it shapes and educates the individuals who are the future of liberal religion in our country. Participation in RE is not just for those who have children in the program, it is the responsibility of every Unitarian Universalist that truly believes in our seven principles and wants to insure that we continue to be a beacon for religious tolerance and freedom.

Best of all, this investment takes only a small amount of time per month. No matter what your age, your beliefs, your talents, there is a place for you in our RE program. Our children need you to invest in **them!** Please contact Kay McCurdy to find out how you can help insure the future of Unitarian Universalism.

*Love cannot remain by itself -- it has no meaning.  
Love has to be put into action, and that action is service.*

~Mother Teresa

**BLOOD MOON**

The Autumn moon  
rises through my window,  
its clear, shimmering light  
stark against the purple-blue dusk.  
It asks very little of me:  
To remember a world  
where makeovers do not exist,  
where there's no good reason  
for nose jobs, or chemical peels  
or to carve away my fat.  
The moon does not care  
how I look - only asks me to remember  
the time I crept  
between the tall fence  
and the ivy growing against it,  
the time I crouched in the mud  
and listened,  
and watched a snail,  
and smelled the damp wood in the sunlight,  
steam rising off the fence  
like clouds.

~ Nancy Beel

## ARE YOU ORGANIZED?

Kate Briere, because of her proximity to the minister, has been acting as the worship coordinator for several months. We need to find someone to replace her and coordinate the efforts of the minister, the musicians, the sound techs, the worship leaders and the folks who fill the pulpit when our minister is absent.

This is a position that requires no public appearances but a lot of behind-the-scenes work. The worship coordinator is alert to who is preaching, who is the worship leader, who is producing worship and who is playing the piano or providing special music. The worship coordinator insures that all the elements of a good worship service are covered and fall into place. The worship coordinator is not required to produce worship, but to coordinate the efforts of those who do.

Right now, most everything is planned in advance through June, so this is an excellent time for someone to work with Kate for several months to learn the ropes.

Please contact Kate or Jeff Briere if you can help.

## PUSHING BUTTONS

We need at least one and preferably two people who like to push buttons.

Ory Weaver is the only person at present who makes the visuals appear in the worship service. He would like a break. If you can help, the only requirement is a desire to push buttons, because, honestly, that is all he does on Sunday morning. Everything else is already done. However, if you are technically inclined, are familiar with laptops or know MS Powerpoint, that would be helpful. Please contact Jeff Briere or Ory Weaver if you can help.



## DO YOU LIKE BABIES?

The Church is attempting to create a list of substitute nursery workers that can be called upon on the rare occasion that one of our two full-time workers is unavailable. Substitutes on this list will be paid for their time spent in the nursery caring for our children from birth to age 5. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

## NURSERY & RE HEALTH POLICY



To maintain a healthy and safe environment for our children, it is vital parents care for all 'sick' children at home. The nursery/Religious Education (RE) staff cannot care for any child with the following symptoms: sore throat, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, fever, persistent cough and/or runny nose. Any of these symptoms indicate a contagious illness. Please do not bring your child to the nursery/RE if they demonstrate they do not feel well. In order to maintain the health of others, the nursery/RE staff reserves the right to ask you to resume care for your child and remove them from church property at any time if the staff has any cause to believe your child is "not well."

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

In November, a new membership directory for the church will be printed. If you have any changes in your contact information or the members of your household since last fall, please contact Chris in the church office to verify that we have your most current information.

### **TEEN FUNDRAISER: OCTOBER 18**

Say "Yes" to supporting the teens' next fundraiser. On Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:15 to 12:45, the teens will conduct a silent auction in our fellowship area. Colorfully painted, one-of-a-kind furniture pieces will go to the highest bidders. Using paint (left over from the Graffiti Project) and imagination, teens will gather on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 5 pm to create these masterpieces.

How can members help? There are two ways.

First, donate one small but sturdy piece of wooden furniture. Please bring it to the church on Sunday, Oct. 4. Suitable examples are wooden kitchen and dining chairs, end or bedside tables, TV trays, stools, blanket chests, and children's tables and chairs.

Secondly, bring your checkbook on October 18<sup>th</sup> in case you fall in love with one of the whimsical creations. The teens typically raise funds for the Heifer Project and for group trips.

### **A GREAT WAY TO SAVE!**

Buy an Adventures Coupon Book and get two for one (buy one, get one free) coupons for all sorts of things: restaurants, entertainment, local attractions, Groome transportation to the Atlanta and Nashville airports. . . . . the list goes on. A sample book is on display in the Fellowship area. Coupons are valid through 2010 and you can start using them immediately. The books cost just \$30 and you'll get that back by using just one or two coupons. The rest will be gravy. So be sure to pick up your book in the church office asap. We have a limited supply. This mini fundraiser for the church is a mega bargain for you.

### **INTERFAITH HOMELESS NETWORK'S BUILDING A DREAM BRICK-BY-BRICK CAMPAIGN**

The Interfaith Homeless Network's (IHN) dream of having a family day center is about to become a reality. The front doors of this long-awaited permanent home for IHN will have its Grand Opening on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at 1184 Baldwin Avenue in Chattanooga.

In front of the entrance will be an area of 4 x 8 pavers recognizing people who support IHN. Individuals may purchase pavers, which cost \$100 and can be given in honor or memory of a loved one.

We are helping to end family homelessness in Chattanooga one family at a time and your support of this vital ministry is certainly appreciated. For further information, call the IHN office at 756-3891 or visit the web site at [www.ihnchattanooga.org](http://www.ihnchattanooga.org).

### **TEMPORARY HOUSING**

Ron Taylor, a long time Unitarian Universalist is exploring a move to Chattanooga from Connecticut. Initially, he hopes to rent a room - probably for a 3 month period - while looking for employment as well as a more permanent living arrangement. Ron designs and sells fire alarm and security systems as an independent contractor. He is a non-smoker with no pets, is divorced, and has 2 boys-out of the nest. He can supply references and 3 months payment in advance. Ron plans to visit Chattanooga, and our church, in October. Please let him know if you would like to speak with him about temporary living and his transition to the area (203-515-2696).



## HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 30th, 7pm-10pm  
at the church,  
Wear your costumes, bring  
a potluck dish to share,  
and be prepared sing  
and/or play songs around  
a fire, and have a grand  
ole time!

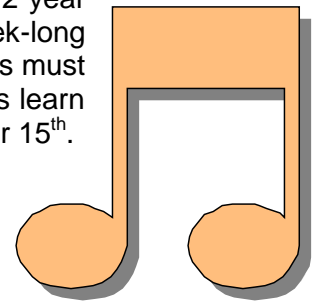
There will be games, a  
costume contest, and bring  
your own jack-a-lantern to  
share with everyone.



### GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2010: CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Kate Briere and Kay McCurdy are excited to announce a rare opportunity for our 8-12 year olds who love to sing. The Unitarian Universalist Association will offer a week-long music/arts camp for singers during the General Assembly (GA) this June 2010. Singers must audition by recording a song and scales. Kate Briere will offer sessions to help singers learn the audition requirements. Jeff Briere will record them on CDs at the church by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

For information about the UU Children's Choir at GA in Minneapolis in June 2010, please go to [www.uucc2010.com](http://www.uucc2010.com) or speak to our choir director, Kate Briere or our Religious Education director, Kay McCurdy.



### CHIONS

The Chattanooga Institute of Noetic Science will meet on October 10 from 10:30-noon on the topic of *This I Believe*. A panel of three outstanding CHIONS members will each make a brief presentation of his or her ethical/religious/spiritual journey and the principles that guide her or his life view. Hubert Gray, Nancy Rennie, and Barbara Ray have agreed to be our three panelists. There will be time for questions and discussion after their three brief presentations.

All three of our panelists are familiar to many who attend CHIONS meetings. Barbara hosts the meetings, Hubert has presented in the past and is a long time attendee, and Nancy drives with her husband all the way from Knoxville to attend. All three have had many twists and turns in their life journeys and will let you know a little more about who they are through this panel.

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<b>TOPIC</b>	Health Care Reform: Crafting a Solution	Humanism's Greatest Hits	Church Words	Encountering the Goddess: An Exploration of the Divine Feminine in Asia
<b>LEADER</b>	Rev. Jeff Briere & Clif Cleaveland	Rev. Jeff Briere	Rev. Jeff Briere	Jeffrey Lidke
<b>BOT MEMBER</b>	Diane Davison	Eric Papendorp	Diane Davison	Maddie Kertay
<b>GREETERS</b>	Sue Knight Jesse Blue	Kristie McKinley Ken Nickerson	Jody Thrash Steve Sherman	Linda Park Linda Helton
<b>USHER</b>	Elaine Watkins	Denita Rainingbird	Ryan Thrash	Kay Spehar
<b>MUSIC</b>	Steve Hollingsworth	Nancy Beel	Hara Paper	Marcia Jenison
<b>SOUND REINFORCEMENT</b>	David Reed	Rich Dwyer	Ory Weaver	Joshua Goldman

*There are moments of existence when time and space are more profound, and the awareness of existence is immensely heightened.*

~ Charles Baudelair